Export of Basmati rice

†2451. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise quantity of Basmati rice exported by India during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that export of Basmati rice has declined, as compared to previous few years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have introduced any incentive scheme to promote the export of Basmati rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The quantity of Basmati rice exported during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity in lakh MTs
2003-04	7.71
2004-05	11.63
2005-06	11.67

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, (DGCI&S) Kolkata

The above data indicates a rise in export of Basmati rice export.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Domination of SEZs by IT sector

2452. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that SEZs are being dominated by the IT sector and if so, the percentage of approvals granted to manufacturing sector, till date;

(b) what modalities are being planned in the SEZ scheme so that the

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